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DECLARATION UNDER RULE 131

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Dear Sir:

We, the below-named inventors of the above-captioned application, declare as follows:

As evidenced by the enclosed relevant pages from the IBM Invention Disclosure form dated as being created on September 14, 2000 and modified on December 7, 2000 (cover page of enclosed disclosure), we conceived of the present invention at least prior to January 1, 2001. Specifically, using the limitations of Claim 4 as an example and referring to the enclosed document, the inventors conceived of a method for identifying or disabling at least one traitor receiver with an associated unique, compromised decryption key in a broadcast encryption system (first content page of disclosure, first paragraph, discussing broadcast to users that have their own keys, which may "leak" if a device is a traitor); receiving a set of subsets derived from a tree defining leaves, each leaf representing a respective receiver (second content page, discussing "complete subtree" and "subtree difference" methods; bottom of third page continuing to top of fourth page, discussing partitioning subsets only if it

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